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# H. R. 3318

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Best Help for Rape  
5       Victims Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED ELEMENT OF NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR**  
2 **SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EX-**  
3 **AMINATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1405 of the Violence  
5 Against Women Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg note) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
8 section (e); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(d) REQUIRED ELEMENT OF PROTOCOL.—The na-  
12 tional protocol required by subsection (a)(3) shall include  
13 a recommendation to the effect that a victim of sexual as-  
14 sault who is at risk of pregnancy from rape—

15 “(1) should be offered information about emer-  
16 gency contraception; and

17 “(2) should, if the victim so requests, be pro-  
18 vided with emergency contraception on site.”.

19 (b) IMPLEMENTATION TO PROTOCOL ALREADY  
20 ISSUED.—The Attorney General shall ensure that any  
21 protocol already issued under section 1405(a)(3) of the Vi-  
22 olence Against Women Act of 2000 is, not later than 30  
23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, revised  
24 and reissued in a form that complies with section 1405(d)  
25 of that Act (as added by subsection (a)(2) of this section).